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Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" May I know whether this Vedantachari, a poor Brahman, who has put in 22 years' service in the Government Press, was denied promotion? May I know whether he sent a memorial to the Government? Knowing that he had sent a memorial to the Government, did the Government Press authorities give him a higher temporary shift? Did they bring him down again out of vengeance for having sent a memorial to the Government?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member is furnishing very good information."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" I want to know whether the Government are aware of these facts?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I am not aware of them."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know the reasons which induced the Press authorities to consider that this man was unfit?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" He was fined twice for careless reading of proofs, for altering a figure in a land acquisition notification and warned thrice for bad work, careless reading of gazette proofs and short outturn. All these facts have been recorded in his conduct register."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know whether this man was a member of the Press Employees' Union?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I am not aware of it."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" May I ask whether these remarks were communicated to the man and explanation demanded from him before he was reduced?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" It has been answered that these remarks had been recorded in his conduct register."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" Not communicated to him?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" He knows them."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" May I ask whether a resolution was passed in this Council for the appointment of a committee to go into irregularities in the Government Press and what action have the Government taken on the resolution or are going to take on it?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I have on a previous occasion answered that question; the Government took no action."

Motor Vehicles Act

Motor vehicles traffic in the whole Presidency.

•* 1863 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of motor cars in Madras City and in each district of this Presidency at the end of 1928;

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(b) the number of motor cars plying for hire in Madras City and in each district of this Presidency at the end of 1928 ;

(c) the number of motor buses plying for hire in Madras City and in each district of this Presidency at the end of 1928 ;

(d) the number of accidents (1) to motor cars and (2) to motor buses in Madras City and in each district of this Presidency attended with injuries to persons and loss of life in 1928 ;

(e) the number of persons who have suffered injuries and of those whose lives were lost as the result of motor car and bus accidents in Madras City and in each district of this Presidency in 1928 ; and

(f) the main causes of these accidents in the order of their frequency?

A.—Information is not available but has been called for.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—" May I know if the Government do not get this information for their own purposes ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " There is no necessity."

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—" May I know whether the Government do not find this information necessary, useful to them in considering whether any action is necessary in the matter of preventing accidents and for regulating traffic ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " Whenever we want this information, we can get it."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" May I know whether it is not the duty of the Government to see that these accidents on the roads on account of motor traffic are brought to a minimum and whether the public are not entitled to get these statistics ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" It is our duty and we are doing our best."

Regulation of motor traffic in the districts.

* 1864 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the number of motor accidents has decreased in 1928 as compared with that in 1927 and if so in what proportion ;

(b) what steps have been taken to control and regulate the speed of buses run by motor service companies in the different districts of this Presidency ; and

(c) whether any further restrictions have been imposed on the granting of driving licences and if so, what they are ?

A —Information is not available but has been called for.

Administration Report

Administration reports under the hon. the Member for Finance.

* 1865 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased—

(i) to place before the Council a statement showing—

(a) the administration reports of the several departments under his control for the years 1927-28 and 1928–29 ;